GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF STATIONERY
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Ministry has received proposal from DOPT to authorize Kendriya Bhandar to supply stationery and other general items to the government offices.

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken to concur the same

(c) whether the Central Vigilance Commissioner had stated that tenders are generally a major source of corruption; and

(d) If so, the reasons for thrusting purchase of stationery and other items through tenders ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received trom DOPT for preferential treatment to Kendriya Bhandar and the same is under consideration of this Ministry.

(c)&(d) There is no advice trom CVC that the tendering should be banned. Tendering should be done with due diligence. Lack of due diligence may result in irregularities. However, this is not enough to proscribe tendering altogether.